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P R O P O S A L S

FOR PRINTING BY SUBSCRIPTION, THE HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES OF THE SEIGNIORY OF HOLDERNESS, IN THE EAST RIDING OF THE COUNTY OF YORK.

THIS undertaking derives its chief ground-work from that admirable record, *Doomsday Book*. It will open with a regular succession of the Lords of the Seignior, from the Norman Conquest down to modern times. The work being thrown into parochial divisions, will shew the number of manors in each parish, to whom they were parcelled out by the Crown, and amongst whom the lands were sub-divided by the Lord of the Fee. The transmission of property likewise will be traced through its successive owners, down to the present year. Interwoven with this part of the work will be found, amongst other pedigrees, an Historical and Genealogical Account of the following antient and respectable families:

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